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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7284**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1239

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 4, 2005

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Joint Projects by Certified Technology Parks.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Crooks

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
X DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill authorizes two or more redevelopment commissions to enter into a written agreement to jointly undertake economic development projects in the certified technology parks established by the parties to the agreement.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2005.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** The bill authorizes local redevelopment commissions that have established certified technology parks to enter into agreements for jointly operated economic development projects. The bill authorizes a redevelopment commission that is a party to an agreement to grant powers to other parties to the agreement; or pledge any of its revenues, including taxes or allocated taxes, to bonds or lease rental obligations of another party to the agreement. Under current statute, a certified technology park may capture incremental property taxes and incremental revenue from state income taxes, local option income taxes, and Sales Tax generated in the technology park. However, the bill prohibits a redevelopment commission from granting another redevelopment commission taxing powers or the power to establish an allocation area under an agreement.

*Certified Technology Parks:* Current statute provides for the Indiana Department of Commerce (IDOC) to certify technology parks proposed by local redevelopment commissions to encourage the location of high-technology businesses within these areas. A proposed technology park may be approved by the IDOC if the local redevelopment commission demonstrates significant support or commitment of certain facilities, services, activities, or funding from an institution of higher education or a private, research-based institute. However, current statute also provides that a certified technology park may be approved if the application for the park demonstrates significant support or commitment of certain facilities, services, activities, or funding from a military research and development or testing facility on an active U. S. military base or other military installation. Presently, 14 certified technology parks have been designated by the IDOC in Anderson, Columbus, Daviess County, Evansville, Ft. Wayne, Hammond, Indianapolis, Kokomo, Muncie, Richmond, Scottsburg, Shelbyville, Terre Haute, and West Lafayette. A technology park is authorized to capture incremental property taxes and incremental revenue from state income taxes, local option income taxes, and Sales Tax generated in the park. However, a park is prohibited from capturing more than \$5 M over its life in incremental income and Sales Tax revenue generated in the park.

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Redevelopment commissions.

**Information Sources:**

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